forgotten to think about him. The consternation must be prodigious. Where will they cast the anchor of their faith now ?

The Serenissima has made a rude *casada.*[1] Never was a Government so easily overthrown and dissolved. As to Austria, it looks as if money or disaffection had settled much of the contest.

I have an answer from Madame de Talaru, so cautiously worded that it is unintelligible; but I suppose one may surmise that it is satisfactory, so you may copy it out, and send it to the poor old man. I have informed her that I sent him a draft for fifty pounds, which I make no doubt will be repaid.

Everything now seems to take a turn towards tranquility and sociableness.[2] Many revolutionary

1 Genoa.

2 The reaction had commenced, and all persons panted for a return to the sociability and courtesies of former times. Social amusements, so long exiled, were revived and eagerly sought after. People commenced to breathe a new air. Hope awoke in their hearts, and that politeness which hideous cynicism had abolished was regenerated. Some *salons,* amongst others that of Madame de Montesson, aunt to Madame de Genlis, were re-opened; and although men still addressed each other as *Citoyen,* they saluted women with *Madame.* One curious fact merits record, viz.,

at no period were so many theatres open in Paris, and never, according to official returns, were they so much frequented as from 1793 to 1798. The number amounted to twenty-five, of which nine gave operas.